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Mrs. Juanita Maniche
[redacted] Brook Street
Providence, R.I.
Tuesday, September 5, 1972
Interviewer-Alberto Torres Pereira

000-Tape Running

020-Introduction

028-Birthdate, place of birth, ect. (Santa Antaoa, Cape Verde Islands.)

035-Immigrates to U.S. age 30.

037-Discussion of education on islands; Primary to high school; correspondence course in business. Has worked in department stores both in Cape Verde and U.S.

110-visits Cape Verde; old friends gone.

130-Drought conditions on islands. Poverty forces Cape Verdeans to migrate.

136-Talks about drought of 1936-1940 on islands. Talks about conditions present and past (re drought).

145-Is from wealthy family; was not affected personally by drought. Father in export business; had 20 to 30 workers daily picking coffee beans for export to Europe.

175-1936, at age 10, went through drought.; government not effective in relieving drought conditions.

301-First impressions of America.

315-Not overwhelmed by size of U.S. Cites Portuguese cosmopolitanism. (in Lisbon.)

325-Compares architecture of U.S. and Lisbon.

350-Impressed by "majesty" of America; housing, parks, employment opportunities, government care, etc.

370-Discusses Americans lack of perception in terms of freedom, etc.
end interview.